

Finally, Applicants elect, for search purposes only, a single species representative of the generic structure provided in Formula XII. The structure of the elected species is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

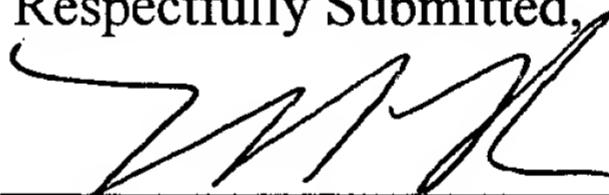
Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that claim 1 is a linking claim for the inventions of Group I. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in accordance with MPEP 809, "should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn."

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 constitute the pending claims in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group I. Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during a telephonic interview conducted on December 30, 2003. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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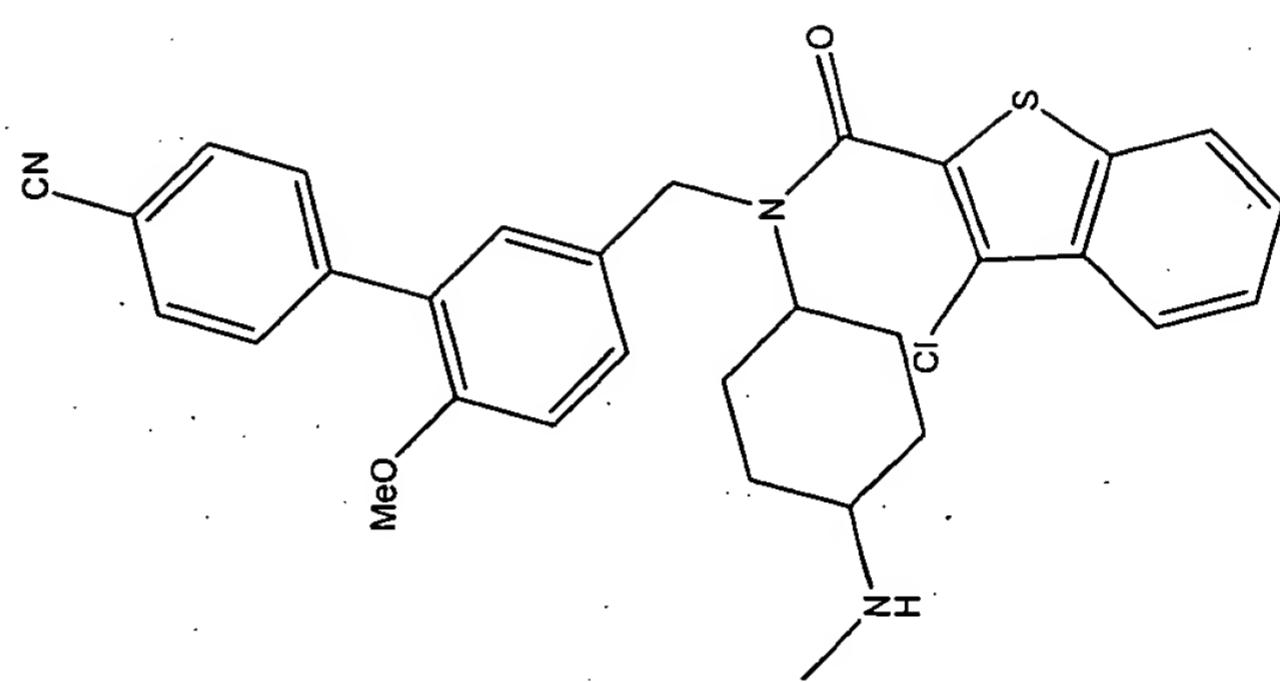
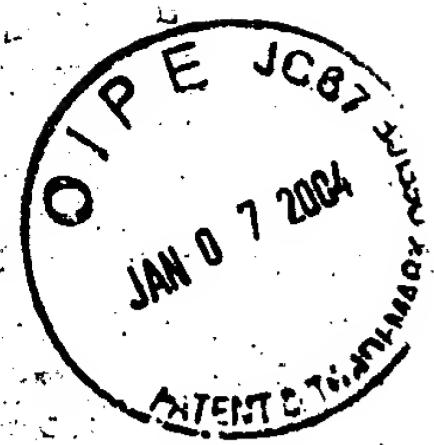


Exhibit 1